

MEDIA RELEASE

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Early this morning the Coffeyville Police Department and the Kansas Bureau of Investigation concluded a fourteen-month investigation of crack cocaine distribution in Coffeyville. The extensive investigation culminated in numerous law enforcement officers serving 11 search warrants on various residences and businesses in the Coffeyville area. At last count there had been 10 people arrested on cocaine distribution charges and substantial evidence seized including cocaine, firearms, cash and records.

Agencies participating in the execution of the warrants were: the Coffeyville Police Department, KBI, Kansas Highway Patrol, Montgomery County Sheriff's Office, Labette County Sheriff's Office, Parson Police Department, Kansas State Fire Marshal's Office, Alcohol Beverage Control, Southeast Kansas Drug Enforcement Task Force and the Kansas National Guard Counter Drug Special Operations Group.

The investigation is continuing.

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